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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3729**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuki SATO et al.

Application No.: 09/809,278 ✓

Filed: March 16, 2001

For: **MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT SUBSTRUCTURE, MAGNETORESISTIVE  
ELEMENT AND MICRO DEVICE, AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURING SAME**

#151B (ne)

Group Art Unit: 3729

Examiner: A. Tugbang

Docket No.: 108964

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the May 28, 2003 Office Action, the period for response being extended by  
the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**